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GUIDED MISSILE AND ASTRONAUTICS INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE

10 March 1959

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, United States Intelligence Board

SUBJECT : Re-Examination of NIE 11-5-58, "SOVIET CAPABILITIES
IN GUIDED MISSILES AND SPACE VEHICLES"

REFERENCE : USIB-M-25, Dated 17 February 1959, Item 5

1. In accordance with your request, the Guided Missile and Astronautics Intelligence Committee (GMAIC) has reviewed NIE 11-5-58, and the data accumulated since its publication, and has concluded that the estimates contained therein and in MEMORANDUM TO HOLDERS, dated 25 November 1958, are sufficiently valid to preclude the need for an immediate revision of this estimate. However, we do recognize the necessity for early Terms of Reference and the subsequent initiation of studies on Soviet requirements, production aspects and other subjects preparatory to the drafting of NIE 11-5-59. These should be undertaken immediately in order to meet even a Fall publication date. To meet current needs imposed by requests from Congressional committees and similar groups prior to NIE 11-5-59 being published, we submit the

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**Following statements regarding several facets of the Soviet guided
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